

## ~WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP~

We are seeking support from people across Montana who would like to promote the recovery of our patients and help ensure their spiritual needs are met.

There are many ways in which you can help. Several people, communities, and or groups have done the following:

- ✓ Bake Sales
- ✓ Special Collections
- ✓ Purchased MSH Cookbook
- ✓ Donations
- ✓ Memorials
- ✓ Monthly Pledge for One Year
- ✓ Requested a Presentation given by members of the Chapel Committee

MSH has a 501(c)(3) status. Your donation is tax deductible.

### **For more information contact:**

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## **ENDORISING ORGANIZATIONS**

- Anaconda Ministerial Association
- Butte Ministerial Association
- Catholic Diocese of Helena
- Deer Lodge Ministerial Association
- Episcopal Diocese of Montana
- Great Falls/Billings Catholic Diocese
- Helena Ministerial Association
- Missoula Ministerial Association
- Montana Association of Churches (MAC)
- Montana District Council of the Assembly of God
- Townsend Ministerial Association

### **AUTHORIZED BY**

The 2005 Montana Legislature HB #5 and the Department of Public Health and Human Services have authorized this project.

However, no public funds have been appropriated. This project will be funded solely by private donations.

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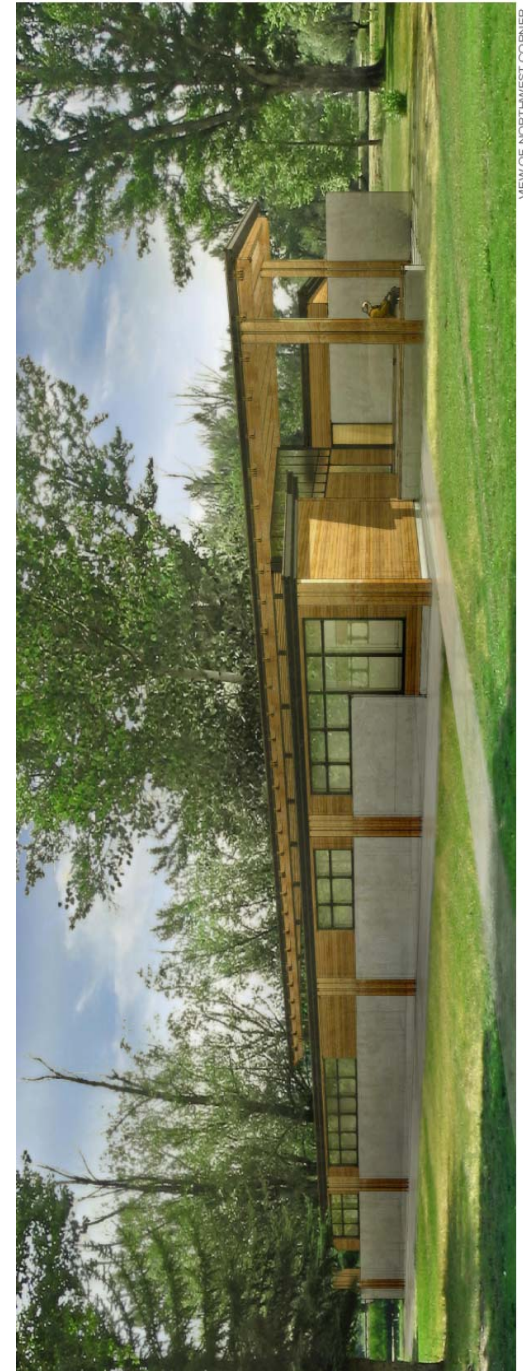
### **SEND DONATIONS TO:**

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MSH CHAPEL COMMITTEE  
C/O MONTANA STATE HOSPITAL  
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WARM SPRINGS, MONTANA 59756

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## Realizing Our Dream Of A Patients' Chapel



A Place To Find Peace . . . In A Time Of Great Need

## CURRENT SITUATION

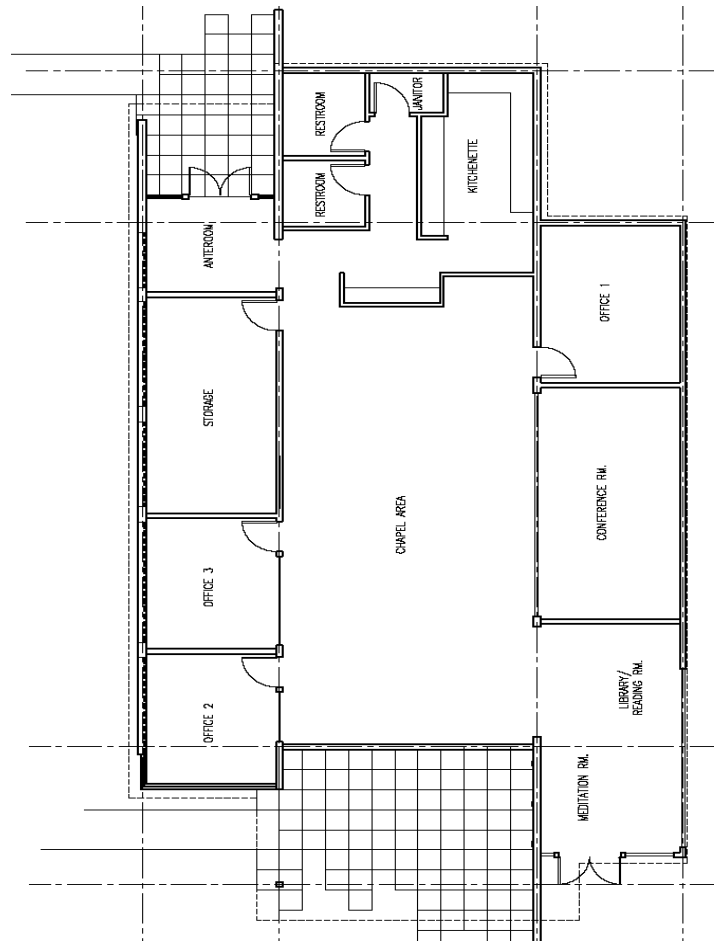
Montana State Hospital at present has two chaplains (Protestant & Catholic) who provide worship services, moral support, counseling, comfort and pastoral services to both patients and their families.

All worship services are held in available classrooms, dining halls, day rooms and small conference rooms within the Main Hospital and the adjacent Therapeutic Learning Center. These rooms serve many purposes such as court hearings, AA meetings, educational programs, and other therapeutic needs. Consequently, the atmosphere is unlike a chapel setting and does not provide a sense of prayerful space.



By having a “dedicated chapel”, we intend to provide an obvious worship space, a place akin to their previous church experience, where patients can easily enter into prayer, contemplation, song and praise.

## OUR ENVISIONED PLAN



The planned chapel is envisioned as a “place of refuge” for patients and their families. In such a chapel, patients will intuitively have the immediate sense of a sacred space that will provide an experience apart from daily routines on their units and anxieties.

This “interfaith” chapel will consist of a generic setting with movable seating, no fixed appointments, and easily adaptable to each faith community using it.

## ~ FROM OUR CHAPLAINS ~

*“Since their home church was the last place of nonjudgmental acceptance for many of our patients, prayer and worship are key stabilizing factors in their struggle with mental illness.*

*From our individual counseling of patients, we hear again and again how important spiritual reflection is for their holistic health. Some patients are able to cope with distractions that can occur during services; but just as many cannot and therefore do not attend. Hence, a dedicated space is imperative for the basic sense of “prayerful refuge” desperately needed by the majority of our patients.*

*We are firmly convinced that in treating mental illness one needs to recognize, confirm and encourage the spiritual needs of each individual. Finally, as our patients are some of the most hidden and voiceless members of society, we hope and pray that you will be compassionate in generously supporting this dream for a chapel on the campus of the Montana State Hospital.”*



Chaplain Fr. Herbert Pins and  
Chaplain Dr. Thomas Wood